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ANTONOV Rostislav Lvovich

Cochran 4

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On Apr 24 [] introduced Stal to R. L. Antonov, born 30/11/20
whose present assumed name is Shebalin, Sergei Lvovich. His address is
Memminger Fliegerhorst, Block 1, room 4a.

During the hour interview Antonov made a first-rate impression. He
is the son of a former Russian Admiral, who after several ~~attempts~~
~~was finally shot in 1937~~ When the war broke out Antonov was near the head of
his class in the Stalin Institute of (electro-technical). Apparently his
unusual intelligence overcame the obstacles which normally face the stu-
dent of an executed father. He was one of a select group taught that was first
taught the use of the rockets "Katiusha". As a battery commander it was
he that fired the first salvo ever fired on the front. (142 rounds in 12 seconds).
The result apparently was sensational. Not only did the Germans flee in panic
but the Russians as well. It was days before contact was reestablished.

In '42 Antonov fell prisoner to the Germans at Stalingrad. He was
taken to the camp where Vlassov was being held. When the latter finally in
'44 organized an army he selected Antonov as his adjutant. After the war
he did a little of everything and married Tatiana Baum. They now have
a small child.

Antonov has had no dealings with the Americans and for a long time
was inactive in SOFET, feeling that nothing positive was being done. He
is obviously anxious to serve the cause and according to [] is fearless.
His intelligence is obvious and he has wit and humor. He said he would
like to train cadres for the future war which he considers inevitable.
Resistance in the USSR at present would be difficult to organize and must
not be undertaken light-heartedly. A continuing help would have to be

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guaranteed. Antonov mentioned student circles as one of the most promising fields.

[] knows Antonov well and says his one weakness was his interest in "Gestalt" (black market) However he thinks this interest has slackened considerably in the last years. He feels as does the undersigned that Antonov is of instructor calibre either for the Ops house or for ELOPE.

Antonov is ready to leave his wife for a long period if his usefulness is guaranteed.

We met at Bill's apt.